(b) and (c) Similar instructions were issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development to heads of autonomous and statutory bodies for effecting the cut in non-salary component of non-plan expenditure. In the same set of instructions an advisory was issued to make efforts to generate additional resources by gradual revision of tuition fees, levy of user fees, withdrawal of hostel subsidies and other measures.

Impact of rising prices on per capita income

†2803. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the inflation rate being at zero, the prices of pulses have risen more than 25 per cent, sugar by more than 50 per cent, flour by more than 20 per cent;

(b) whether Government's Wholesale Price Index does not reflects the true picture of the inflation and price rise;

(c) whether there is increase in per capita average income in tune with the rate of price hike; and

(d) if not, whether Government would accept increase in the percentage of poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The following table gives Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation for the month of October, 2009 for pulses, sugar and flour (wheat):

Item	Weight(%)	Year-on-year Inflation (%)
Pulses	0.60	22.81
Sugar	3.62	45.70
Flour (wheat)	0.21	1.38

(b) The WPI because of its coverage, involving 435 commodities in its basket classified as primary articles (98 commodities), fuel, power, light and lubricants (19 commodities) and manufactured products (318 commodities), is the most preferred measure of inflation.

(c) and (d) The following table gives the annual growth rate in the per capita Net National Products (NNP, base: 1999-2000) and the annual rate of WPI inflation during the last five years.

Year	Annual growth rate of *per capita* NNP(%) (Base : 1999-2000)	Year-on-year WPI Inflation(%)
2004-05	11.1	6.47
2005-06	12.1	4.42
2006-07	13.5	5.43
2007-08	12.7	4.67
2008-09	12.7	8.41

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.